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Obituary column

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The last living direct descendent of an East Clark County Native American, died Friday, May 26. Gracia Ough Jones was a granddaughter of Princess White Wing and great -granddaughter of Chief Schly-housh of the Washougal tribe of the Shahala nation. Her grandfather was Richard Ough, an English seaman and later an employee of the Hudson Bay Company. He homesteaded 640 acres in the present day Washougal, and donated the land for the original town site. Mrs. Jones was very proud of her Indian heritage and had an extensive collection of Indian baskets, root bags, and other artifacts.

She was born in 1904 and lived most of her life in Washougal except for several years in the 40's when she and her late husband, Reginald, lived on the Yakima Indian Reservation on their cattle ranch. Mrs. Jones stated she was pleased to have been taught the Native American methods of gathering roots and grasses for basket-weaving by some of the elder women of the Yakima nation while she lived there. They had a son, Sidney, who died at age six. Mrs. Jones is survived by a nephew, Arthur Jones of Coronado, California.

A memorial service conducted by the Camas-Washougal Historical Society will be held on the lower level of Hathaway Park in Washougal on the south bank of the Washougal River at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 31. Her friends are invited to attend. The family has requested that if desired, contributions may be made in her name to the Two Rivers Heritage Museum building fund, Box 204, Washougal, WA. 98671.